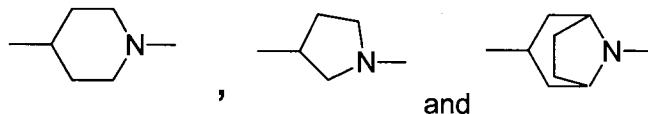


Claim Summary:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt of claim 15 claim 29, wherein:

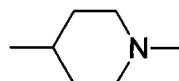
Het represents a heterocyclic group selected from



said heterocyclic group being unsubstituted or substituted by 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of substituents α<sup>1</sup>.

17. (currently amended) The compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt of claim 15 claim 29, wherein:

Het represents a group of formula:



and this group being unsubstituted or substituted by one substituent selected from the group consisting of substituents α<sup>1</sup>;

A represents an alkylene group having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms; and

R<sup>1</sup> represents an isopropyl group or a cyclopentyl group.

18-22 (canceled)

23. (previously presented) A compound selected from:

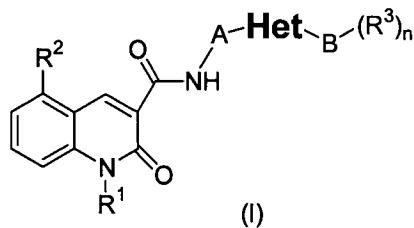
N-({1-[{(cis-1,4-dihydroxycyclohexyl)methyl]piperidin-4-yl}methyl}-1-isopropyl-5-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide ethanedioate;

N-({1-[{(trans-1,4-dihydroxycyclohexyl)methyl]piperidin-4-yl}methyl}-1-isopropyl-5-methyl-2-oxo-1,2-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxamide ethanedioate;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24-28 (canceled)

29. (new) A compound of the formula (I):



wherein

Het represents a heterocyclic group having one nitrogen atom, to which B binds directly, and from 4 to 7 carbon atoms, and said heterocyclic group being unsubstituted or substituted by 1 to 4 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of substituents α<sup>1</sup>;

A represents an alkylene group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

B represents a methylene group;

R<sup>1</sup> represents an isopropyl group, an n-propyl group or a cyclopentyl group;

R<sup>2</sup> represents a methyl group;

R<sup>3</sup> independently represents 1, 4 dihydroxycyclohexyl or hydroxytetrahydropyranyl:

said substituents α<sup>1</sup> are independently selected from a hydroxy group and an amino group; and

n is 1;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.